

Group Home Task Force Meeting  
Monday, September 22, 2008  
AGENDA

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Sec. Donald

**2. Approval of August 22, 2008 meeting minutes**

Deferred until next meeting

**3. Report on progress on SB 782/Statement of Need:** Shelley Tinney

Ms. Tinney reported the regulations have been drafted and approved by the Children's Cabinet Results Team. If approved by the Children's Cabinet on 9/25, the regulations will be submitted to AELR. While the regulations go through the AELR process, the Resource Development and Licensing Committee will work on formulating the processes for determining need, issuing a statement of need, how providers will respond and the criteria for selection.

**4. Report on progress on SB742/Bill of Rights:** Sec. DeVore

Sec. DeVore distributed draft Bill of Rights, and stated that the workgroup would continue to meet as there are several unresolved issues especially sexual identity/expression issues. They will also develop a companion document in "kid-friendly" language. The workgroup is still soliciting feedback from youth. **Sec. Donald** would like to share it with her youth advisory board and asked if the state youth advisory council would be involved with this? **Greg Shupe** responded that they are working on a bill of rights for all youth not just those in care. **Sec. Donald** envisions an event with the Governor where this would be posted in a group home. **Sec. DeVore** said that could possibly be the December Capital for a Day.

**5. Report on progress of report card workgroup:** Sheryl Brissett-Chapman

Dr. Chapman distributed draft that her workgroup created. It is based on a Tennessee model. The workgroup has not yet prioritized items or vetted product with DSS directors. It is four tier model, compliance to highest level of quality. Three areas to qualify: child and family development, program assessment domains (how is programming resourced), organizational management/compliance history that uses items that providers for which are already held accountable. Some are practical considerations and others are optimal practice. There remain some unresolved issues about alcohol and drug abuse. CANS data on these issues doesn't always translate easily. There are also questions about how to measure the quality of staff. Other pertinent questions to be answered include: What info is captured and what is it linked to? What does a placement agency need to know beyond compliance? What does having a license and a report card mean? Who holds the placement agencies accountable for participating in treatment planning? The workgroup will need to discuss baselines and first year data. MASSD will review and provide feedback. **DeVore:** Where will community disruption be handled? Could be added to

organizational management/compliance. **Sec. Donald** AWOLS need to be included. Need to look at how we define this. Need to look at how we define a number of these items. **Shelley Tinney**: CSOMS will capture AWOLS if the youth is gone overnight. Incidents will be built in next year. But need to standardize incident reporting. **Barb DiPietro**: concern that DHMH doesn't collect this data. **Carmen Brown**: A lot comes from CSOMS. Need identify source of all info. **Sheryl Brissett-Chapman**: A provider could get different scores in different areas. **Bill Dorrell**: Many of these issues would not be picked up by monitoring. **Sec. Donald**: make sure that everything that you monitor for is there and we will ensure that data from CSOMS is available. **Sheryl Brissett-Chapman**: This would not be a live evaluation, it would be an evaluation of the previous year and there would need to be an appeal process. So we would have to have year's worth of CSOMS data. **Sec. Donald**: Not all information relies on CSOMS, committee needs to drill down on source of data items, what is available now and what needs to wait and what is the roll out timeline for next report. **Sec. DeVore** stated that providers could also benefit could a peer review process. **Sheryl Brissett-Chapman**: After LDSS review then it will go to providers. **Barb DiPietro**: Will there be any review by advocates or legal? **Sheryl Brissett-Chapman**: We can bring in as many interested parties as necessary but the bottom line is report cards are arbitrary and reflect the values of a certain group and the agencies have the final say.

**6. Tracking Community Disruption:** Carmen Brown and Pete Keefer  
Deferred until next meeting

#### **7. Briefing to the Health and Government Operations Committee**

**Shelley Tinney** informed the committee about the HCO briefing to be held on Oct 15 to present updates on five pieces of legislation on group homes over the last two years. **Greg Shupe** said the Children's Cabinet needs to decide who will present what. **Sec Donald** will probably present for Task Force, but would like Sen Zirkin to be contacted to see if he would like to present since he is the chair., GOC will provide bulleted list of items for each piece of legislation. Each agency will need to weigh in regarding compliance.

#### **Adjournment**

**Next meeting 10/27/08 3pm at DHR, room 1044.**